

his intelligence, his humor, and his tenacity for getting things done.

During my 8 years working as Governor of South Dakota, Paul served as commissioner of the Bureau of Administration and secretary of Revenue. He was a burly teddy bear of a man. No matter how hard the problem or how challenging the issue, whenever we met, he had a gleam in his eyes and a smile on his face that told me without words that we were going to solve that problem or meet that challenge. And we did because of him.

As an administrative law judge and tax collector, he earned the respect and admiration of the public, even when his rulings and application of law were not in their favor. He was straightforward and fair, which South Dakotans appreciate.

As the head of Bureau of Administration, he led and championed many projects that increased the efficiency of State government to serve the people and preserved the heritage of South Dakota in the people's house—our State capitol.

But more important than all of his career accomplishments is the kind of person Paul Kinsman was. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend to all who knew him. He had a tremendously positive impact on the many thousands of people he met and touched with his kindness and generosity.

With this, I welcome the opportunity to recognize and commemorate the life and legacy of this public servant and my friend, Paul Kinsman.

Thank you.●

#### RECOGNIZING HANKO'S METAL WORKS, INC.

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, oftentimes small businesses have the unique ability to tackle economic problems in their communities head on, providing hands-on solutions through hard work and ingenuity. As we begin the new year, I would like to recognize Hanko's Metal Works, Inc., of Berwick, LA as small business of the week.

In the midst of economic hardship in 1985, Harry "Hanko" Hoffpauir opened Hanko's Metal Works with the goal of creating jobs and spurring economic activity in his community. With 27 years of experience in southern Louisiana's maritime industry, Hoffpauir began building aluminum boats, quickly developing a strong reputation for durability and remarkable craftsmanship. Having started his career as a superintendent overseeing major maritime construction efforts, including building offshore platforms drilling for oil and natural gas, Hanko and his small business were poised for success.

Today Hanko's Metal Works, Inc., has grown from an operation of two employees to a team of over 35 individuals serving thousands of customers worldwide. Building upon a reputation for craftsmanship and ingenuity, Hanko's continues to develop innova-

tive products, including developing the first oilfield gauging boats that were used to help in the recovery efforts following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, which devastated Louisiana's vulnerable coastal wetlands and the Gulf of Mexico. Additionally, Hanko's Metal Work, Inc., has also developed vee barges, as well as high-performance fishing and family boats that are ranked as the best aluminum boats constructed in Louisiana.

Congratulations again to Hanko's Metal Work, Inc., for being selected as the small business of the week. Thank you for your commitment to economic development in the southern Louisiana region, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

#### RECOGNIZING STUDIO GEAUX

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, small businesses have the unique ability to challenge members of their community physically and intellectually, expanding the horizons of their neighbors and clients. It is especially noteworthy when these small businesses have the opportunity to use these talents to influence their communities. This week, I would like to recognize Studio Geaux of Jennings, LA, as small business of the week for its ongoing commitment to engage young folks in fun, physical activity in southwest Louisiana.

Louisiana native Caroline Cormier grew up dancing, and while pursuing a bachelor of arts in theatre and dance at Louisiana State University, she joined the school's elite dance team, the Golden Girls. Upon graduation, Cormier relocated to Atlanta, GA, to continue her studies at some of the most challenging and exclusive dance and fitness studios in the South. Three years later, Cormier gained the confidence and skills necessary to return to Louisiana and pursue her lifelong dream of launching her own dance studio and successfully did so, opening the doors to Studio Geaux in August 2014.

Today Studio Geaux offers classes in ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, and physical conditioning for students aged 2-18. Additionally, Cormier and her team began Dance on the Geaux, a program that provides dance classes to young students in local schools. Cormier designed the program to help increase awareness of and participation in the arts and also to help make the life of a busy parent a little easier.

Congratulations again to Studio Geaux for being selected as the Small Business of the Week. Thank you for your continued commitment to the arts community in Acadiana, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION  
SIGNED

Under the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on January 15, 2016, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER) had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 142. An act to require special packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 1115. An act to close out expired grants.

S. 1629. An act to revise certain authorities of the District of Columbia courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, and the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 22. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 757. An act to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1644. An act to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to ensure transparency in the development of environmental regulations, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION  
SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH) announced that on today, January 19, 2016, he had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution, previously signed by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER):

S. 142. An act to require special packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

S. 1115. An act to close out expired grants.

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